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In re:

Applicant: WEIDNER, W., et al
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PETITION TO WITHDRAW THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

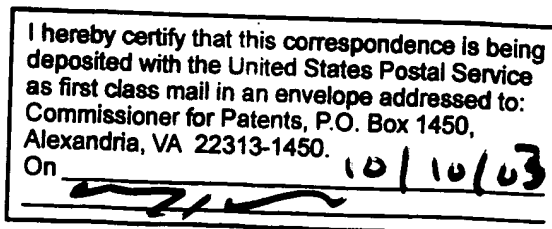
October 9, 2003

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Applicant herewith petitions to withdraw the holding of abandonment. According to Paper No. 23 mailed on October 3, 2003, the application became abandoned because applicant did not file a proper reply to the Office Letter mailed on January 16, 2003. The Office Action of January 16, 2003 was a final action. Applicant responded thereto with a Request for Reconsideration on March 5, 2003.

The abandonment of the subject application is not understood because in response to the Request for Reconsideration, applicant received an Advisory Action acknowledging receipt of the reply filed on March 7, 2003.


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Thereafter, the applicant filed a Notice of Appeal and a Brief, and paid all of the fees in connection therewith.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the holding of abandonment and reinstitution of the appeal proceedings is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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